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1. U.S. COVERAGE:

-- PRAVDA HAS G. VASIL'YEV REPORT FROM WASHINGTON
AND A. VASIL'YEV REPORT FROM CAIRO ON SECRETARY'S M.E. TRIP.
V. BORISOV WRITES IZVESTIYA "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY"
COLUMN ON SAME SUBJECT. CITING BOTH U.S. AND ARAB

PRESS, COVERAGE REMAINS NEGATIVE EMPHASIZING ABSENCE OF CHANGE IN U.S. AND ISRAELI POLICY ESPECIALLY SECRETARY'S LACK OF COMMENT ON NEED FOR ISRAELI TROOP WITHDRAWAL. SECRETARY'S PRAISE FOR SADAT'S "FLEXIBILITY" IN CONTEXT OF WEAKENED ARAB SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN STATE RECEIVES SARCASTIC MENTION. IZVESTIYA ARTICLE NOTES WIDE ISRAELI ACCESS TO U.S. "OVERSEA MILITARY ARSENAL" (INCLUDING M-60 TANK) DESPITE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO BAN SUPPLY OF CONCUSSION BOMB. BORISOV CONCLUDES THAT SECRETARY'S BEIRUT STATEMENT ON NEED FOR "LONG DRAWN OUT INDIRECT TALKS BETWEEN BOTH SIDES" BEFORE GOING TO GENEVA REPRESENTS ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO DELAY OVERALL SOLUTION OF M.E.E. PROBLEM AND RETURN TO STEP BY STEP DIPLOMACY AND PARTIAL MEASURES, WHICH, SAYS BORISOV, WILL NOT LEAD TO AMELIORATION OF SITUATION IN THIS EXPLOSIVE REGION.

-- THE APPEARANCE OF SECOND THOUGHTS BY PROMINENT U.S. PERSONALITIES, PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESS CIRCLES, ABOUT THE WISDOM OF PRESSING HARD ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN ISSUE DISRUPTIVE TO U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, IS REPORTED WITH RELISH BY YE. RUSAKOV IN PRAVDA. HE CITES PROMINENT JOURNALISTS AND GEORGE KENNAN AS CAUTIONING AGAINST RECKLESSNESS AND WARNING THAT THIS ISSUE IS BEING EXPLOITED BY THE "HAWKS." PRAVDA ALSO RUNS A VICIOUS CARTOON AND COMMENTARY ON HUMAN RIGHTS FROM DAILY WORLD.

-- V. KOBYSH IN IZVESTIYA GETS MILEAGE OUT OF IRONICALLY DESCRIBING THE SCANDAL CAUSED BY THE REFUSAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF A PRIVATE CLUB IN NEW ORLEANS TO INVITE U.S. AMB TO THE UN ANDREW YOUNG TO ADDRESS THE CLUB AT TIME WHEN YOUNG HAS BEEN TALKING TO AFRICAN LEADERS ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS. BUT IN REFERRING TO AMB YOUNG AS NOTED CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND FORMER ASSOCIATE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, KOBYSH INADVERTENTLY PROVIDES A POSITIVE PORTRAYAL OF HIS APPOINTMENT BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

-- THE REVISED BUDGET SUBMITTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO CONGRESS IS RUNNING INTO FLACK, ACCORDING TO A TASS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON (IZV, KZ), BECAUSE IT EARMARKS TOO MUCH MONEY FOR ARMS AND NOT ENOUGH FOR DOMESTIC SOCIAL NEEDS.

-- EFFORTS BY PHILLIP AGEE TO REVERSE HIS THREATENED DEPORTATION FROM ENGLAND CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE (LITGAZ, IZV). COVERAGE STRESSED MISTREATMENT OF JOURNALIST ANGLE, THUS GIVING CSCE FLAVOR

WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING CONFERENCE OR FINAL ACT.

-- LITGAZ ALSO FEATURES A CARTOON DEMONSTRATING
THE UTILITY OF JEANS DURING LABOR DEMONSTRATIONS, AND
AND INTERVIEW ("BREAD AND POLITICS") WITH P. O. LOBANOV,
PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
ON GRAIN PRODUCTION AS A FACTOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND, SPECIFICALLY, SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS.

-- SMALLER ITEMS IN IZVESTIYA REPORT AN ELECTIONS
SCANDAL IN LOUISIANA, THE ROBBERY OF HOME IN DALLAS
AFTER THEY WERE EVACUATED BY POLICY DURING A THREATENED
GAS EXPLOSION, AND THE INCREASED SUE OF DRUGS BY AMERICAN
YOUTH.

2. GENERAL - EUROPE

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-- ALL CENTRAL PRESS DEVOTES MAJOR SPACE TO
ARMED FORCES DAY STATEMENTS BY USTINOV AND OTHER MILITARY
LEADERS WHICH SEEM TO BE STANDARD FARE DEVOID OF
SURPRISES (SEPTEL).

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-- PROMINENT COVERAGE OF CCD MEETINGS CONTINUES.
PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA HAVE DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF SOVIET
PROPOSAL FOR CTB WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE RECEIVING
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FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM OTHER CCD STATES. SOVIET WILLINGNESS
TO "COMPROMISE" ON VERIFICATION IS ALSO NOTED.

3. MIDDLE EAST.

-- PRAVDA CARRIES TASS BAGHDAD REPORT ON STATE-
MENT ISSUED BY EXPANDED PLENUM OF CC CP IRAQ. STATEMENT
REPORTEDLY NOTED STRENGTHENING OF DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY
OF IRAQ FOLLOWING SADAM HUSSEIN VISIT TO MOSCOW, OVER-
COMING OF "MISTAKEN PRACTICE" IN RELATIONS BETWEEN
COMMUNIST AND BAATHISTS, "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY" OF
IMPERIALISM AND REACTION IN KURDISH AUTONOMOUS REGION,
AND DESCRIBED RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN EGYPT AS,
AMONG OTHER THINGS, REPRESENTING EGYPTIAN PEOPLES'
INTEREST IN RESTORATION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
SOVIET UNION.

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY SEVERAL TASS
ARTICLES REPORTING INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY BY
RIGHTIST-CHRISTIAN FORCES (WITH ASSISTANCE OF ISRAEL)
AGAINST PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN SOUTHERN
LEBANON.

-- PRAVDA'S NEW (AND FIRST) CORRESPONDENT IN
ALGIERS, V. PERESADA REPORTS ON GENERAL SITUATION INSIDE
COUNTRY. DESPITE SUCCESS IN INDUSTRIALFIELD, TRANS-

FORMATION OF VILLAGE REMAINS KEY PROBLEM. BUT LAND REFORM AND SOCIAL WELFARE MEASURES CARRIED OUT BY PROGRESSIVE ALGERIAN REGIME HAVE FEUDAL LANDLORDS ON THE DEFENSIVE.

4. AFRICA:

-- V. LASHKUL IN IZVESTIYA REPORTS JORNAL DE ANGOLA INTERVIEW WITH ANGOLAN FONMIN WHO SAYS FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. DEPENDS ON HOW REALISTIC POSITION OF NEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WILL BE.

5. ASIA:

-- PRAVDA REPORTS THAT A SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION, LED BY A.P. SHITKOV, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE UNION, ARRIVED IN ULAAN BAATOR ON FEB 22 TO TAKE PART IN A "CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." NOTABLE AMONG THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WERE NORTH KOREA, VIETNAM AND LAOS, BESIDES THE USUAL STABLE OF SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES.

-- PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS THAT A SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION LED BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN NIYAZBEKOV LEFT ON FEB 22 FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO LAOS.

6. LATIN AMERICA:

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT ON "ELECTION FARCE" IN EL SALVADOR.
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